

INSTITUTE OPENS WITH FINE TALKS

Teachers of Rock Island County
Schools Gain Many Pointers
Lecturers On Opening Day.

TELLS NEED IN ENGLISH WORK
Miss Curtis Urges Instructors to Do
Less Preaching and Provide Pupils
With More Practice.

The Rock Island county teachers' institute opened this morning at the local high school with a session for the rural teachers which lasted from 8 to 9 a. m. At 9 a. m. the main program was opened with a responsive reading and the Lord's prayer followed by the hymn, "Lead Kindly Light."

W. H. Cheever, institute director, was the first speaker on the program. He spoke about the very large number of people who work lacking interest and achieve only mechanical results. He said that real interest in school, garden or factory, was not so much the final result, but the growth along the way.

"The steady growth of the child's intelligence from day to day should be of far more importance to the teacher than the actual results obtained, for if the growth of the child's intelligence be normal, then the results will surely come at the right time," Mr. Cheever said. "Lack of knowledge concerning results, tends to make teachers lazy and those who teach in this manner from year to year are totally lacking in sympathy and understanding."

He said also that quiet and discipline in the schoolroom is no criterion of school excellence. Following the lecture by Mr. Cheever, Miss Malinowski sang a selection from "Carmen," and was accompanied on the piano by Frank Freistat.

Miss Ellis then took the floor and spoke on the subject of ballads. She said that from the nature of the subject there was necessarily nothing new to be said about the topic. The main idea was, however, to impress the old points concerning the ballads very thoroughly on the student's mind. The great charm of the ballad lies in the fact that it is a straightforward story, said Miss Ellis, although certain London lecturers have condemned ballads as lacking in morality. Miss Ellis said that this is not to be taken seriously, as children do not as a rule give serious attention to the morality of a thing, and she went on to say that ballads had formed an important part of the early training of all the big people in the literary world.

The subjects illustrated throughout Miss Ellis' lecture were ballads of war, outlawry, cruelty, Jew and gentile, true and false loves, and rich and poor.

Urges More Practice.

Miss Curtis spoke on the teaching of English. She told of the need of more practice and less preaching in the study of English and the need of a great awakening in English circles. "To draw things from students we must connect them with the hill, river, our experience and tap the spring of experience to find out what the child knows," Miss Curtis said.

"The same picture will get a different story from each child or group of children, because each one has had a different experience. Get students to talk about things they know, get students to see, think and express fully their own ideas before limiting them to all kinds of cut and dried rules," she concluded.

CROKER IS COMING BACK TO AMERICA

London, Aug. 28. (11:50 a. m.)—Dublin correspondents report that Richard Croker, formerly leader of Tammany Hall, is retiring from the turf temporarily and is going to the United States on account of the condition of his eyes, which require expert attention. Mr. Croker is selling all his horses in training, but is retaining his stables and brood mares.

FOUR LIMBURGS DOT THE MAP OF EUROPE

Washington, Aug. 17.—"Four Limburgs dot the map of Europe," says the Geographic Bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society, "the probable location of the German camp for English prisoners, where the execution of two Irish soldiers created a great stir in diplomatic circles recently, is Limburg-on-the-Lahn. The other Limburgs are: The smallest of the nine provinces of Belgium; the smallest province of Holland, and Limburg-en-Lenne, also called Heerlenburg. Of course, the latter should be no confusion of these places with the Galician city which is spelled Lemberg."

"Limburg-on-the-Lahn is one of the oldest towns of Germany. It is situated in the principality of Hesse-Nassau and is 22 miles east of the important Rhine city of Koblenz. As a prison camp it has the advantage of being comparatively near the battle fronts of France and Belgium, yet sufficiently far removed to be out of the danger zone of possible raids and rescue. It is at least 160 miles in an air line northeast of Verdun, the nearest important point of conflict at the present time, and lies 100 miles almost directly east of Malmédy, a town on the German-Belgium frontier. Germany's great cathedral city, Cologne, is 65 miles in an air line to the northwest."

"At the outbreak of the war Limburg was a town of slightly less than 10,000 inhabitants, and its chief interests were tobacco factories, soap and pottery works, machine shops and breweries. To the east along the Lahn extends the Limburg basin, for three or four miles, and it is probably in this plain that the English prisoners are confined."

"One of the exasperating features of being a prisoner in Limburg must be the recollection to many of the Englishmen that at this very season of the year in peace times they were wont to flock to the famous baths of Ems, just 20 miles down the river. Ems was accustomed to entertaining 12,000 visitors during July and August, and the sufferers from pulmonary troubles gathered there from all parts of Europe and the British Isles."

"Another interesting town in the vicinity of Limburg is Nassau, 17 miles to the west. It was here that the great German statesman, Baron Stein, was

born and spent his youth. Stein was largely instrumental in saving Prussia after Napoleon had imposed the drastic terms of the treaty of Tilsit, for although he had only a short time before been dismissed by his sovereign as a refractory, insolent, obstinate and disobedient official, when the critical moment arrived the baron was the preeminently strong figure to whom Frederick William could turn.

"During the middle ages Limburg belonged to the counts of Lahngau, but early in the 15th century this line became extinct and the city passed under the jurisdiction of the electors of Treves, who governed the city for nearly 400 years.

The most interesting building in Limburg is the famous seven-towered cathedral, whose history dates back to 909. It was founded by the powerful Salic count of Niederlahngau, Conrad Kurzbild, the remains of whose castle adjoins the church. The present structure was erected in 1213-42, and was restored during the last quarter of the 19th century.

"One of the most famous bridges in Germany is the one which spans the Lahn here. It was built in 1315 and stands as a remarkable monument to the engineering skill of six centuries ago. A few miles up the river, perched on a rocky eminence, is another ancient structure, the famous old church of Dietkirchen, built in 801.

"Limburg is esteemed in the history of Austria as the place where Archduke Charles defeated the French under Jourdan in 1796.

"One of the most highly prized possessions of this city is the famous Limburg Chronicle, or Festi Limburgenses, a source for the history of Rhineland during the 14th century and especially valuable on account of the light it throws on German manners and customs of that period and for its preservation of old German folk-songs.

"It is a common error to think of this city of Limburg as the place made notorious by a certain brand of odoriferous cheese, but the dairy product, the subject of many jests, originated in the province of Luttich, Belgium, in the neighborhood of Herve, and was first marketed in Limburg, Belgium. Its manufacture has spread through Germany and Austria and large quantities of it are now made in New York and Wisconsin."

WILSON LEAGUE

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TRIES TO THROW HER OFF BRIDGE

Mrs. Amy Black Says Her Husband
Seized Her and Threatened to Toss
Her Into the Mississippi.

SEEKS RELIEF IN THE COURTS

Files Bill for Divorce Pointing Out
That Her Wedded Happiness Does
Not Last Very Long.

Charging that he seized her by the arms and body and threatened to throw her off the Rock Island bridge into the Mississippi river, Mrs. Amy Black of Rock Island today filed bill for a divorce from her husband James. She sets forth that the incident occurred last May and cites several other attacks before and after as a basis for a separation. Evidently her dream of wedded happiness was shortlived. She declares that the marriage took place Sept. 25, 1915, and that on Jan. 15, 1916, her husband knocked her down with his fist. On June 21, she alleges he attacked her again and threatened her life.

Emery E. Davidson of Rock Island prefers a statutory charge against his wife, Ida V. Davidson, in a bill for a legal separation which he filed today. He names Harry Schweizer as co-respondent. He sets forth that the couple were married Oct. 22, 1902, and asks for the care and custody of three children, Violet, 11 years old, Pansy, 5, and Lewis R., 6.

Injunction Issued.

An injunction restraining George C. Westphal of Bowling township from disposing of his property was granted by Master in Chancery J. L. Haas today after a divorce suit had been filed by his wife, Mrs. Louise C. Westphal. The couple married Sept. 9, 1884, and Mrs. Westphal in her bill claims that in July, 1914, she had filed a bill for divorce, but had subsequently withdrawn it on the promise of her husband to reform his ways. She charges cruelty. Six children were born to the couple. She asks alimony.

FARMER TAKES LIFE BY HANGING IN BARN

(Special to The Argus).

Aledo, Ill., Aug. 28.—John W. Peterson, 50 years old, a farmer residing in the Pomeroy neighborhood, 10 miles northwest of Aledo, hanged himself Saturday afternoon. The body, suspended by a rope from a cross-beam in the barn on the homestead, was found by Mr. Peterson's son.

Mr. Peterson, who suffered from insanity, and was until a year ago a patient at the Watertown hospital, fastened a gunny sack about his head and then, stepping on a stone which he had placed on edge, tied the rope around his neck. He kicked the stone from under him and strangled to death. Mr. Peterson leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Mrs. Gwen Clifford, 70 years of age, for many years a resident of Aledo, died Sunday morning at 1:30 in her home here. Surviving her are a daughter and two sons.

Funeral services will be held from the home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

JUNK DEALERS ARE
SUED BY CUSTOMERS

Though emphatic denials were made last week by officials of the Moline city court and representatives of the sheriff's office last week that such litigation had been instituted, it was admitted today that the Deere & Mansur company of Moline has filed two \$20,000 suits in the city court in Moline against the Morris & Lewis firm of junk dealers, 2306 Second avenue, Rock Island, based on an alleged discrepancy in weight of scrap iron sold by the Rock Island firm to the plaintiff company. It is charged that the defendant firm sold scrap iron to the Deere & Mansur company and the scrap was shipped by railway from Rock Island to Moline, and weighed there by the Western Scales company, operated by the three railways. William Webb is the weighing clerk in charge of the weighing company. When inventory was taken recently by the Moline company the scrap iron was found to be 1,200 tons short. Thereafter weight was taken of scrap iron received, and it was found all shipments were overcharged, it is alleged. Report is that the matter was taken up with Webb and the junk dealers, and that Webb admitted the overcharging, and that he received \$1 a ton for each ton of overcharge. Suit was filed last Wednesday by Dietz & Sinnott, and in a day or so the story leaked out. Investigation was made by newspapers, but officials

of the city court denied knowledge of the litigation. The sheriff's office, too, denied knowledge of the actions. Deputy Walter Kittelsen, bailiff of the Moline court, served the summons in each suit. Return was made on the summonses last Friday. Today officials admitted the filing of the cases and exhibited the papers. The excuse was given that they had promised to suppress the matter.

Webb retains his position with the Scales company. No criminal prosecution had been instituted, though it is intimated that the railways concerned mean to start prosecution.

Obituary

Samuel A. Fryer.

Samuel A. Fryer, who operated a second hand store on Second avenue, died at 6:10 Saturday night at St. Luke's hospital in Davenport following a short illness. Enlargement of the heart was given as the cause of his death. He had been ailing for a year.